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Javits & Donovan Carry Campaign to TV Viewers

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Sen. Javits and his Democratic opponent, James B. Donovan, the Bay of Pigs prisoner negotiator, faced each other on WPIX (Channel 11) last night in the first major TV debate of the 1962 New York election campaign. The discussion revolved around President Kennedy's policies.

The debate had a certain plausibility because Gov. Rockefeller, head of the Republican ticket, has steadfastly refused to meet his Democratic opponent, Robert M. Morgenthau, in front of the TV cameras.

Off-the-Cuff Debate

With Rockefeller campaigning upstate and Morgenthau bedded with a virus, Javits and Donovan carried the burden of campaigning for their respective parties.

Javits and Donovan earlier in the day traded punches at long-range in separate campaign speeches. Javits loosed his blast, aimed almost exclusively at the President, at a luncheon of the National Republican Club in the Hotel Biltmore; Donovan made his principal address at a rally of the NYU All-Square Club Council in Washington Square.

The Republican Senator derided the record of the recently adjourned 87th Congress, calling it a "monument to futility," and pinned the responsibility directly on the President. He said Kennedy failed to carry through on foreign affairs, economic development and civil rights.

Donovan told the NYU students



Sen. Jacob K. Javits
Faces opponent on TV

James B. Donovan
Debates with Senator

that Javits was trying to be all things to all men in the campaign.

"You can't be a Republican upstate and hold yourself as a conservative and in New York City hold yourself as the most liberal of liberals," Donovan said.

Donovan said he fully approved

the President's stand against federal aid to parochial schools, and sided with the Supreme Court in outlawing a state-written prayer in New York schools. "As vice president of the Board of Education," he said, "I would never vote for a compulsory prayer in the schools."

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